

Annals Of The Oley Valley

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For many years, the "Annals of the Oley Valley" has served as a valuable reference source not only for the people of that fair region, but for the countless Berks Countians who can trace their ancestry back to the early days of the French, English, Swiss, and German settlements in the Oley Valley.

A most cursory examination of the indexed material will reveal the inestimable value of this work to the genealogist and to the general historical enthusiast at large.

Unfortunately, it was not seen fit to equip this 148 page volume with an index, so that it has been the exasperating experience of many researchers to

have to spend hours poring through seemingly unending streams of fine print in order to try to locate various bits of information which strangely never seem to be where one would expect to find them.

It should be noted that virtually all the married women mentioned in the "Annals" are twice entered into the index. For example: Margaret Yoder married George K. Levan; she will be found listed both as Margaret Yoder and Margaret Levan.

When checking on early settlers, it should be kept in mind that many of their names were spelled in various ways.

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